WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for handling images in a hybrid camera comprising the steps of:

capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having an archival image of a scene and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said archival image of each said pair having a first geometric format;

storing said in initial electronic images in memory;

recording in association with selected image pairs of said plurality, a designation of a alternative geometric format different than said first geometric format;

formatting said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs to respective said alternative geometric formats to provide formatted electronic images; and

downloading said formatted electronic images.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said formatting further comprises adding to said initial electronic images indications of the respective said alternative geometric formats.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said formatted electronic images are in said first geometric format.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said formatted electronic images.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said first geometric format has a different geometric format than said alternative geometric format and said formatting further comprises cropping each of said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs to the respective said alternative geometric format to provide abridged electronic images.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said cropping further comprises replacing in said memory, said initial electronic images of said selected image pairs with said abridged electronic images.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein said abridged electronic images require less space in said memory than the initial electronic images.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit including photographic film in the camera prior to said capturing; said archival images are latent images and said recording further comprises writing said designations to said film unit in association with respective said latent images of said selected image pairs.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of deleting said electronic images from said memory, concurrent with said downloading of said reformatted electronic images.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises loading a film unit in the camera prior to said capturing; and said recording further comprises writing said designations to said film unit.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said recording includes writing said designations of said alternative geometric format to said film unit in association with respective said archival images and writing said designations of said alternative geometric format to said memory in association with respective said electronic images.

12. A method for handling images in a hybrid electronic-photographic film camera comprising the steps of:

capturing a plurality of image pairs in a camera, each said image pair having a latent image of a scene on photographic film and an initial electronic image of the same scene, said latent image of each said pair having a first geometric format;

storing said initial electronic images in memory;

assigning one of a plurality of geometric formats to each of said image pairs, said plurality of geometric formats including said first geometric format and one or more alternative geometric formats, said alternative geometric formats being different from each other and from said first geometric format;

formatting said initial electronic images to respective said geometric formats to provide formatted electronic images; and

downloading said formatted electronic images.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said assigning further comprises writing a designation of said alternative geometric formats to said photographic film in association with respective said latent images.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein said formatting further comprises adding indications of said alternative geometric formats to respective said initial electronic images.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein said formatted electronic images are in said first geometric format.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein said initial electronic images are restorable from said formatted electronic images.

17. The method of claim 12 wherein said formatting further comprises cropping respective said initial electronic images to said alternative geometric format.

18. A hybrid camera for use with a film unit, said camera comprising:

a body;

an archival capture unit disposed in said body, said archival capture unit selectively capturing archival images in the film unit;

a designator selectively switchable, in relation to each said archival image, among a plurality of different geometric formats to define a selected geometric format for each said archival image;

a film writer writing designations of one or more of said geometric formats to said film unit in association with respective said archival images;

an electronic capture unit disposed in said body, said electronic capture unit capturing initial electronic images corresponding to said archival images, said initial electronic images being in a first geometric format of said plurality of geometric formats;

memory storing said electronic images;

an controller operatively connected to said memory and said designator, said controller formatting said initial electronic images to said selected geometric formats of respective said archival images to provide formatted electronic images; and

a communications port operatively connectable to said memory to download said electronic images.

19. The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller adds to said initial electronic images, indications of respective said geometric formats.

20. The camera of claim 18 wherein said controller crops said initial electronic images to respective said geometric formats.